

Date *May 17, 1937.*

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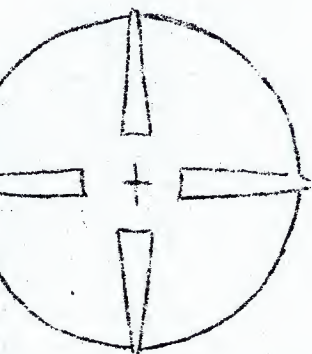
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1. State your position in relation to the ship, including the distance from the ship. *Starboard bow line. approximate 200 ft. from ship.*
  2. What did you see that first caused you to realize that there might be an accident? *Everybody running away from the ship.*
  3. Mark on the accompanying chart where you first saw fire on the surface of the airship. *On map.*
  4. Did the fire first appear as a glow, a flame, or an explosive flash? *A flame.*
  5. Did the fire first appear inside or outside of the airship structure? *Outside*
  6. What was the color of the flame first seen? Did it change color? If so, describe. *Orange. Turned to black smoke.*
  7. Did you hear an explosion? If so, was it before or after you first saw the fire? *Yes. After fire.*
  8. Was it a muffled, sharp, or crackling sound, or loud detonation? *muffled.*
  9. Did you notice anything peculiar about the position of the control surfaces? *No.*
  10. In your own words, give a detailed account of the happening, step by step, including your observations of the landing procedure. (Use additional paper if necessary). *Holding line then saw the flame and joined the others who were running away from the ship.*
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NAME Francis C. Ward MAP OF SHIP & LOCATION OF WITNESSES  
 RATING OR CIVILIAN Civilian  
 FIRE FIRST SEEN Top Side of Ship  
 WITNESS LOCATION Starboard Trail rope.  
 PART OF SHIP VISIBLE Nose & Bottom section.  
 EXACT LOCATION ON SHIP  
 OF FIRST FIRE SEEN Could not tell exactly.



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STARBOARD SIDE

